Rocks

Jan 2 — It was very cold here last week. The snow came as a surprise to us all.

Mrs. Mildred Inge accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Jack Paulette and Mrs. Annie Paulette to Portsmouth Dec. 21 to attend the marriage of the latter's granddaughter, Miss Moseley.

Miss Barbara Sims left on Dec. 21 for Maryland to spend Christmas there with her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Franklin and family have moved to their new home in Appomattox.

Kyle Almond, Harry Eugine Ranson and Mary Willie Ransion are at home to spend Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn McIntosh and girls were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Randall Woodridge on last Monday night.

Miss Irene Elder, of Washington, spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. L. C. Elder recently.

A number of the W.M.S. members presented a Christmas party at the Crest Haven Rest Home Dec. 24th. Santa Claus was there.

Mr. and Mrs. Hobert Martin and Donna, of Woodbridge, were visiting here during the holidays.

Mrs. Walter Ranson entered Virginia Baptist Hospital last Thursday for treatment.

Evergreen

The Star of Joy Christmas program was well attended last Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Calhoun, of Baltimore, Md., visited Mrs. Ryland Staples and family last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Hamilton and sons, Richard and Donald were luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Inge last Sunday in Pamplin.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Griffith, of Richmond, spent last Saturday with her parents Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Glover.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wright of South Carolina, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Harvey and daughter, Linda, Miss Wanda Kay Legrand, of Richmond, spent the holidays with their father, Mr. A. A. Legrand.

Miss Page Daniels spent the holidays with relatives at Wilmington, Del.

Dinner guests last Thursday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Courtney Franklin and family were Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Franklin and family were Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Family and Mrs. C. J. Paulette.

Mrs. May Sullivan, of Lynchburg, spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Glover.

Mr. J. C. Staples returned home Sunday from the hospital much improved. Hope he will soon be much better.

Mrs. C. J. Paulette spent Christmas in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Franklin and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Harding, of Roanoke, visited Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Paulette last Saturday.

Luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Courtney Franklin for the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Otis Goin and family; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Franklin and family; Mr. Calvin Franklin and sister Thelma, Mrs. A. M. Hodge and children.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Podboy, of York, Pa., visited Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Paulette last week.

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Father Darkleaf

By Calvin Robinson

Now that most of our New Year Resolutions have been broken or at least badly cracked, it might as well settle down to living More in '64''. That's the challenge as to our Appomattox, as it is to each individual. The angle is not to stake out greater plans than possibly can be fulfilled. Example: we would like to see A.H. S. win every contest on its athletic schedules. We were that to be, it would mean we had soft schedules. Of course the toughest team to defeat is one which lost a close one the week before . . . they're all set to bounce back. One way to learn how to play a game, is to go up against someone who is rated higher than you.

One of my "dreams" is a Peace Bowl Game'' at Appomattox, between high school teams from the home towns of Lee and Grant — the "Blue and Gray'' classic at high school level. Why not?

Here's a very practical suggestion: In most towns, the drug store is a rendezvous for teenagers. They congregate there early when the final bell sounds. Inside, on the wall, should be a blackboard, about 4 x 6 feet. Thereupon should be kept the game-by-game scores, win or lose or tie.

This is nothing new. Smart businessmen keep careful comparative records — they want to know more'' this week than the year week last year or last month. Liberty Sunday School has a bulletin blackboard, comparing today's attendance with year ago, and it included a score for the weather report! Give me a rainy Sunday a year ago and be the cause of your improvement today. Yes, I recall the late J. D. Morris and then T. Inge reading off the results . . . and commenting: "We saw an increase today, but note that a year ago the weather was . . .

Fletcha Brother Lloyd Vaughan will show how the total inches advertising in today's issue compare with same a year ago! Stevens to Betsy, in between school and college, I was proud of a Pender chain grocery store in Portsmouth, Va. Pressure was always on to show an increase." One day I slack in sales and by noon, a nice increase over the previous week. Thereupon I buzzed the books for the day, so could count the afternoon sales the next day's report . . . building up my record at "big office." But you know what happens to the "best laid plans" etc., and who could pay an unexpected visit but the general manager of the entire outfit! Brother A. M. Seeary looked in, and right off, asked to see "the little red book." I had sense enough not to try to fool by with anything and told him what had happened . . . I wanted to show an increase VERY day. Had I sought to "circle out of it" I would likely have lost my job. He crossed over my entry and instructed me to enter the cash register totals AFTER closing for the day . . . to "leave the rest to us at the main office." I did just that, and the month later I was offered the managership of one of the company's largest stores . . . in South Carolina . . . but decided I wasn't ready, and resigned . . .

I went to college. But I have forgotten the lesson. Do today's work today, and do it with the performance that you will want to go all out tomorrow to even better!

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A host and hostess memo to those who came to see the Dark-Side Basement'' at our home during the holidays. Come another year, we will set up a "guest shelter'' so we will have some room in the record file. Thanks for your visits.

Some: they had a fire scare in the famous Hotel Astor in Downtown New York. Brightleaf and I always stayed there when in Big Town, and I can imagine what a mess a big hotel fire scare must be. Which suggests a question: what hotel in Virginia has the most rooms? I bet it is the Chamberlin at Old Point Comfort.

Promises time now to say so long for a next week. I had intended to devote today's column to a personal tribute to two fine friends whose passing has saddened us: Mrs. C. H. Coleman and Robert A. Gurney. I will do it later, for space has run out. Closing room only for a single piece of No. 48, and . . .

Abdullah Franklin, of Appomattox, is shown loading part of the sixty carloads of hay brought into the county in 1963 to feed cattle through the federal program of freight-reduction for farmers. In the background Twyman Coleman and Winfrey Nash help with another load in one of the busiest days at the N&W siding near Main Street, Appomattox.

Sixty Carloads Of Hay Sent Here To Feed Hungry Cattle

Sixty car loads of hay were issued to Appomattox farmers in 1963 to feed hungry cattle, according to a report from Newton Jennings, office manager of the ASCC.

And Jennings gave a "conservative estimate" of a 41 per cent reduction in beef cattle herds in the county, as a result of the prolonged drought. The drought began in April, Jennings recalled, in an interview Friday. Feed and pasture didn't come up, and farmers were forced to import hay and corn and then, for reasons of economy, to cull their herds as winter approached.

The 60 carloads of hay represents about 960 tons of hay, Jennings said, largest such import of hay in the history of the ASCC office here. "We had some drought relief in 1953," he said, "but not anything to compare with CCC corn.

Through the Commodity Credit Corporation and the ASC office, Appomattox farmers purchased 18,020 bushels of corn, Jennings said. Farmers can purchase or foundation herds for 25 per cent less than the cost of corn for so-called "secondary" livestock, cattle other than foundation herds, hogs, sheep, and goats.

According to the present provisions, farmers may purchase the surplus corn until April 30 through application to the local ASC office.

Health Center Committee To Meet Friday

First meeting of a newly formed Health Center Committee will be held Friday at 7 p.m. at Farmer's National Bank. The committee has been authorized by the county Supervisors to investigate the possibilities for the building of a new Health Center for the county.

Watershed Assoc. To Meet Thursday

The Cub Creek Watershed Association, with Ed Harvey as vice chairman and county representative, will meet Thursday, January 16, at Phenix. Purpose is to hear reports and make further plans for the development of conservation measures, according to John Harrison, office manager for the Soil Conservation Service in Appomattox.

Appomattox landowners hold approximately 30,000 acres in the watershed, with Charlotte county landowners holding approximately 70,000 acres.

Milk Plant Closes Here

The local White House plant has closed, with an announcement as follows:

Mr. R. P. Rowley, vice president and general manager of the Great A & P Tea Company announces that the transfer of milk from the Appomattox plant to South Boston and the closing of the Appomattox milk receiving station as of January 3, 1964.

Milk routes that have previously delivered milk to the local plant are now being rerouted directly to the more modern processing plant at South Boston without any interruption or inconvenience to local farmers.

The decision to close the plant was based on the more modern facilities at South Boston, the improved transportation facilities during the past years and an overall effort to become more efficient.

As we are still having need for a much greater volume of manufacturing milk in the area, continued efforts will be made to encourage greater production by farmers. Fieldman will continue to work with local farmers and business men as in the past.

We wish to thank the people of Appomattox and surrounding areas for their support of the local plant and hope that their support will be continued.

WHITE HOUSE MILK DIVISION of The Great A&P Tea Company, South Boston, Virginia

Investigator To Speak To Lions

Investigator Gerald Cooper, of the Third Division Headquarters, State Police, Appomattox, will speak to the local Lions Club tonight (Thursday) following dinner at 6:45 p.m. at Maude's Restaurant. Lions are divided into Blue and Grey teams in an attendance contest which begins tonight. Capt. W. W. Blythe is program chairman and Ivey Holland, club president.

Farmers Invited To Tax Meeting

Appomattox County farmers and other interested persons are invited to a tax meeting to be held at the Appomattox Court House on Tuesday, January 14, 7:30 p.m., Mr. W. J. Nuckolls, Extension Economist will discuss taxes of interest to farmers.

The new Farmers Tax Guide for 1964 is now available from the county agent's office. Anyone interested in receiving a copy may pick it up from the office or call and request that one be mailed.

Workers Need Rooms, Apts.

At least 200 workers are expected into this area within the next few days and weeks, according to Mrs. R. B. Haley at the Appomattox Hotel. She is asking all citizens to make readily furnished rooms and apartments — that the hotel is already crowded, with more requests each day. The workers are engaged in two different projects, one in Pamplin laying electrical lines, and the other one, a construction project outside of the county.

Bloodmobile To Come Feb. 7

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in Appomattox Friday, February 7. This is the county's last opportunity in this fiscal year to come up to 'quota', according to Bloodmobile chairman, Dr. A. A. Fratrick. He urges all citizens mark February 7 on the calendar, and to be present to donate blood.

Sanitarian Explains Functions Of Appomattox Health Dept.

Graham A. Pitsenberger, county sanitarian, addressed the Glendale 4-H Club Friday evening, listing the many functions and accomplishments of the county health department. Recently, he has also spoken to eighth grade physical education classes at Appomattox High.

Tracing man's recognition of health and sanitation needs back to the Bible, Pitsenberger said that most governments recognize the need for "basic laws of sanitation"— else they would not have a vigorous, healthy group of people to govern. He referred to Moses' exhortations to the Hebrews with regard to cleanliness and cited the viaducts of Roman Empire as an example of ancient adherence to good sanitation principles.

Health Dept. for All

"The Health Department deals with all the people", Pitsenberger said, "regardless of how much money they have." He drew a sharp distinction between the functions of the Health Department and those of welfare agencies who deal primarily with the indigent.

Locally, he explained, the Health department is composed of a clerk, Mrs. J. T. Irby; a nurse, Miss Bernice Woodson; a sanitarian, G. A. Pitsenberger, and he director, Dr. Francis Clements, who serves three other counties as well.

Mrs. Irby, he said, issued burial permits, takes "morbidity reports" from local physicians (records of "strep" infection, and other contagious diseases) and keeps all kinds of record .

Local Clinics

Maternal clinics are conducted every two weeks by Drs. A. A. Fratrick and J. A. Mathews, Pitsenberger explained, with Dr. Clyde O'Brien conducting a Well-Baby clinic every two weeks. Miss Woodson, as public health nurse, conducts pre-school clinics and personally checks on school age children for eye and ear defects, also, any other reports from the schools of physical needs of the children. There's an orthopedic clinic, Pitsenberger said, as well as one for persons who suffer epileptic seizures.

Nurse Woodson tracks down suspected cases of tuberculosis and checks the families and contacts of TB patients.

As Sanitarian, Pitsenberger inspects 28 food establishments in the county, three trailer camps, one milk pasteurization plant, and one "ice cream" manufacturing establishment. He checks samples of milk coming into Appomattox from other counties, and public water supplies. ☞

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Druggist Wins Candle Contest

C. F. James, pharmacist of Appomattox and Epes Alabama, won a $25 Christmas club membership Tuesday as the five foot candle at the Bank of Appomattox burned itself out about 9:30 p.m. 'Doc' James estimate of 340 hours burning time came to the closest. Actual time of 347 hours, 53 minutes, according to Mrs. W. W. Burke, assistant to the president of the bank. Second place winner was Mrs. Vila Maxwell, of Appomattox, with a $5.00 savings account. Next five winners were Mrs. J. P. Leitner, Rt. 4, Appomattox; Mrs. J. K. Hamilton, Evergreen; J. M. Cobb, Pamplin; Mrs. Ethel McCormack, Gladstone; and Mrs. Mary M. Ferguson, Spout Spring, all of whom were awarded silver dollars.

Rabies Clinic Set For Tues.

First of the 1964 Dog Vaccination Clinics for rabies protection will be held Tuesday, January 14, from 2 to 4 p.m. behind the Court House at Appomattox. Dog owners are asked to note the new location. Garland Plunkett, county treasurer, reminds dog owners that a certificate of rabies vaccination must be presented before dog licenses may be purchased. Dr. Francis J. Clements, director of the Appomattox County Health Department, which conducts the clinics, urges citizens to bring any stray dogs to the clinic where they will be taken care of by dog warden, Jennings Conner. The Health Department has asked the veterinarin in charge to have hepatitis and distemper injections available, also, at the clinic.

Abbitt Being Considered For State Democratic Post

Representative Watkins M. Abbitt, Fourth district congressman from Appomattox, may become the Democratic state party chairman, according to published reports from the state capital.

The 77 member Democratic State Central Committee is scheduled to meet in Richmond Saturday to elect a successor to former state Senator Thomas H. Blanton, of Bowling Green resigning the state party post because of ill health.

Watkins Abbitt, 55, has represented the Fourth in Congress since 1948. Active in Democratic party politics for many years, Abbitt has managed several statewide campaigns.

The Abbitt - for - chairman reports had it that Sidney S. Kellam of Virginia Beach, mentioned earlier as a prospect for the chairmanship would remain in his present office of Democratic national committeeman for Virginia.

Other possible successors to Blanton include A. A. Farley of Danville, and James W. Fletcher of Sperryville, Democratic sources say.

With Abbitt as chairman, this would give the Democrats a pair of skilled and seasoned campaigners in the two top state party positions.

Senator Blanton said he would quit the chairmanship before his term expires because of his health, which also was the reason why he did not run for re-election to the Virginia Senate last year.

Blanton's term runs until the Democratic state conventions meets this summer and elects a chairman for four years. The Bowling Green senator - banker has been chairman since Dec. 1, 1952.

Saturday's state committee meeting, set for 2 p.m. in Hotel John Marshall, was called last month to choose a date and place for the 1964 state party convention.

Several informed Democrats have predicted the convention date will be July 16 or 17—soon after the July 14 Democratic primary elections for United States Senate and House of Representatives.

Richmond, which was host to the state meeting in 1956, is preparing a strong bid for the 1964 gathering. So it is understood, is Norfolk. The 1960 convention met at Virginia Beach.

Appomattox Road Repairs Part Of $500,000 District Allocation

Appomattox roads damaged by winter weather will be repaired through part of a $500,000 allocation to the Lynchburg District. This county is one of ten counties in the district in which the State Highway Dept. plans to spend approximately $500,000 later this year for repairs of winter damage to primary roads.

C. A. Palmer, Appomattox, Resident Engineer, said Tuesday that he and his staff will begin their inspection of roads shortly, and that they are in 'the process of working up a retreatment schedule.' He said that he does not know at the present time how much of the allocation this county will receive, and that it will take about three weeks to have the amount determined.

According to a published report J. H. Phillips, Lynchburg highway district engineer said Friday that the annual retreatment program on roads usually gets under way about April 15 and continues to Nov. 1.

He emphasized that the half-million dollar figure does not include the cost of repairs to secondary roads in the Lynchburg district and said he does not know at this time how much additional money will be spent on the retreatment of those roads.

At present, Phillips said, he is working with the five resident engineers in the Lynchburg district to determine wherethe retreatment program is most needed.

Phillips said the resident engineers prepare reports on the retreatment needs in their areas and that he then makes an inspection of the primary roads and spot checks of the secondary roads before going over the reports with the engineers.

The Lynchburg highway district engineer said that the needs listed by the resident engineers always exceed the amount of work which can actually be done by the highway department but that priority is given to the most important needs.

He said the retreatment program consists of plant mix overlays on road cracks and breakups and said some of the work is done by state work forces and some through contracts with private firms.

Phillips said that so far he feels the primary roads in the Lynchburg district are in good shape. 'I'm well satisfied with what I've seen so far,' he commemented.

The counties included in the Lynchburg Highway District are Amherst, Appomattox, Buckingham, Campbell, Cumberland, Charlotte, Halifax, Nelson, Pittsylvania and Prince Edward.

Appomattox Spent $72,000 For Conservation In '63, ACP Reports

More than $72,000 was spent in Appomattox county during 1963 for land and forest conservation according to a published program, emphasizing that the report by the Agricultural Conservation Program administered by the locally elected Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation County Committee.

Sign Up for '64

ASCC office manager, Newton Jennings, urged all farmers and land owners of the county to sign up now for the 1964 cost-sharing program, emphasizing that the county should continue in its conservation practices.

During the 1963 program year about $36,000 of ACP cost-sharing was used on 340 farms in Appomattox County to help solve particular problems by establishing needed conservation practices. This represented about 3 per cent of the farms in the county.

In addition to sharing the cost of conservation practices, the county ACP also helped provide technical services necessary to the success of the practices by transferring $1,396 to the Soil Conservation Service and $350 to the Virginia Division of Forestry.

Most of the practices carried out on farms with ACP cost-sharing were needed land treatment measures in the program of the Robert E. Lee Soil Conservation District.

One of the most important of these, according to ASCC office manager, Newton Jennings, was the establishment of winter cover on 3172 acres of land on 64 farms. "All we need now is adequate water, and these and other improvements will take effect," Jennings said.

Seventy farms planted permanent cover for soil protection or land-use adjustment, a total of 420.7 acres. Sixteen farms increased rotation cover, involving 107.5 acres. More than 1,734 acres on 145 farms were spread with lime to permit use of conservation crops. Contour strip-cropping for reosion control was carried out on eleven farms, and involved 290 acres. Trees and shrubbery were planted on 248.3 acres on 38 different farms. Improvements in permanent cover for soil protection were made on 832.4 acres on 76 farms. One grassland protection pond was constructed. Forest improvement

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Rotary Pancake Day February 8

Pancakes . . . or flapjacks! Call them what you will . . . cause PANCAKE DAY is coming on Saturday, February 8 as the Jaycees put on their chefs' cap and get ready for a syrup frolic at the cook stove. "Y' ALL COME!'', say the Jaycees, and eat your fill of Aunt Jemima pancakes, syrup and sausage.

Sabin Volunteers

Six pairs of willing hands and as many typewriters in the business department of Appomattox High will help type permanent records of all who receive Sabin oral vaccine in Appomattox County. Pat Ferguson, Judy Smith, Anne Godsey, Linda Carter, and Brenda Carson, above are holding part of the 6,000 forms from which permanent cards will be made. At the typewriter is Ginger Bean.